

Remarks

Entry of the amendments, reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. Claims 26-28 and 54-71 remain pending.

In a bona fide attempt to advance prosecution of this application, applicants have cancelled non-allowed claims 25, 53, 72 and 73, and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of those claims in a continuing application. Since all remaining claims (i.e., claims 26-28, and 54-71) are allowed, applicants respectfully request an indication of allowability for all pending claims.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case with applicants' attorney, please contact applicants' attorney at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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